

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Art Unit: 1793

Applicants: STEPHEN M. POTTER  
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MATERIAL TO BE CHARGED IN DIRECT REDUCTION PROCESS

Confirmation: 9316

Charlotte, North Carolina  
12 February 2010

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated 17 December 2009, kindly enter the following amendment to the claims and consider the following Remarks.

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